

HB Huddle / Environment Team Meeting - "Earth Day, Every Day"

MINUTES

June 3, 2017

10:30 – noon, On the sand at Prospect and Oceanfront, Newport Beach

Attendees: Karen Coyne, Mary Ann Celinder, Andrew Dehritz, Suzanne Dehritz, Anna Ferree, Pam Kamps, Carol Keane, Steve Shepherd, Merle Moshiri, Pat Goodman, Tabitha Herlach, Karl Celinder, and speakers: Antonia Graham and Ray Hiemstra. **Minutes taken by:** Stephanie Pacheco

Topic	Facilitator / Speaker	Minutes
1. Sign in and welcome new members. Pair and share	Karen Coyne	Started 10:40. As a routine, the facilitator will check the new member sign in sheet and read the names, asking them to raise their hands. Other members next to them will then be asked to "Pair and Share" their names and contact info. This will help people feel connected to the group, help establish an "accountability partner," and will provide an alternate way to reach the new member if the email is returned. If you don't see your accountability partner at a meeting, please reach out to that person.
2. Agenda review (handout: front) and Structure of HB Huddle & Environment Team (handout: back)	Karen Coyne	Reviewed agenda and structure (see handout: 2-sided)
3. CCA	Need a Committee Director (Karen will fill in today). Speaker: Antonia Castro-Graham	Report on work for sustainability and energy by city Huntington beach and others. HB community forum Monday dealing with community choice aggregation, with comments due July 7 for General Plan Updates. Edison rates increasing but with CCA, we get rid of middleman. A non-disclosure agreement from Edison is needed. Suggested to come to council to support against conspiracy theories and for economic benefit. Need comments next council Monday. Karen asked for more information for group.
4. Poseidon water desalination project	Need Committee Director (Karen will fill in today) Speaker: Ray Hiemstra	(Merle spoke briefly about the history and issues as President of Residents for Responsible Desalination). Ray Hiemstra of Coastkeeper talked about the fact that this project is not needed and discussed our large aquifer. This project is too expensive, costing twice our current water costs, and would be subsidized by the public. The project has been shown to destroy marine life and will increase water pollution. It is Important to go to state lands meeting August 17, then state water board then Coastal Commission. The State Lands Commission meeting is in Los Angeles area, location TBD. The desalination plant in Doheny is a better example of a better project, though still having troubles. Poseidon has given lots of money to elected officials.
5. Toxin-Free HB	Pam Kamps	Concerns about toxins to soils that affect growing vegetables and the environment was discussed. Model after what Irvine has already done, and join forces to help Tim Kowal with HB Tomorrow.
6. Break and Nourishment		The Trader Joe's vegan trail mix cookies were a hit! ☺

7. Committee Sign-ups	All Participants	<p>Karen asked for other suggestions for issues to be added to the three existing. Ray suggested a committee to work on trash that's getting into our oceans. Karen started a new committee: Trash-Free HB Waters. Ray said that a good resource on the policy is http://www.coastkeeper.org/trash</p> <p>The following committees were made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Desalination Committee: Stephanie Pacheco (acting Chairperson), Carol Keane, Anna Ferree, Karl & Maryann Celinder, and Pam Kamps. Still need an Asst. Chair. 2. Toxin-Free HB: Pam Kamps (Chairperson) and Anna Ferree (Asst. Chair by default) 3. CCA (Community Choice Aggregation): Steve Shepherd (Chairperson), Suzanne Dehritz, Andrew Dehritz, and Pam Kamps. Still need an Asst. Chair. 4. Trash-Free HB Waters: No sign up's yet. <p>Karen will email each committee so they all have each other's names and email addresses to get the ball rolling on their issue. Each Committee Chairperson is to give Karen an update on his/her issue by the Wednesday before the bi-monthly meetings.</p>
8. Prep for next HB Huddle: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Updates from Committee Chairs b. Are original 2 questions still okay for district 48 candidates (Laura Oatman & Boyd Roberts in June)? 	Karen Coyne & All Participants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Chairs give Karen update on his/her committee by the Wednesday before our bi-monthly meetings. b. original 2 questions: 1. What is your position on the Poseidon Desalination Plant and why? And 2. Do you believe [humans are responsible for] climate change?: Karen said the local elections team will ask for one question, and we may or may not have time for a second, so we need to decide which question is more important. Talked about asking general environment visions for the future.
9. Oh-by-the-ways / idea & issue sharing / items for parking lot	All Participants	<p>HB Huddle / Environment Team meetings to be every 1st Saturday to alternate with HB Huddle meetings, 10:00 a.m. Pam Kamps volunteered her back yard for our team meetings; however, she is not available July 1st, so Stephanie Pacheco offered her home for July 1st.</p>

Upcoming meetings / actions

- June 5th City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Enviro-CCA): Speak in FAVOR of the city doing a feasibility study. See Antonia's post on our FB page for more info.
- June 11th Climate Advocacy training (Enviro): 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. RSVP at <http://occlimateaction.org/climate-action-plan-community-choice-energy/>. Irvine Ranch Water District Community Room 15500 Sand Canyon Ave., Irvine, CA 92618
- HB Huddle meeting (ALL): June 17, 2017, 9:15 a.m., Carden Conservatory, 5702 Clark Dr, Huntington Beach, CA 92649.
- HB Huddle / Environment meeting (Enviro): Saturday, July 1, 10:00 a.m., Stephanie Pacheco's home
- State Lands Commission meeting on August 17 (Enviro-Desalination). Location TBD.